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SUBJECT: USITC NOMENCLATURE STUDY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 4624

1. ON JUNE 18 A MISSION OFFICER CONVEYED THE POINTS IN REFTEL TO ABBOTT, CHIEF OF THE EC COMMISSION'S GATT AFFAIRS DIVISION. (PLAN VAN PHI IS IN NEW YORK. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW UP THE DISCUSSION WITH ABBOTT BY TALKING TO CHUMAS, WHO IS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE.) ABBOTT TOOK NOTES ON OUR STATEMENTS, AND RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE COMMISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING SENT A COPY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION'S REPORT OF JUNE 2. THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES FROM THE DRAFT REPORT OF APRIL 1975, AND IS ALSO CURIOUS AS TO WHETHER ANY OF ITS COMMENTS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE FINAL VERSION.

B. THE COMMISSION IS AWARE THAT THE ITC IS NOT PART OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AND THAT THE REPORT DOES NOT REPRESENT USG POLICY. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMISSION FEELS THAT THE ITC REPORT IS BOUND TO HAVE SOME EFFECT

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ON US ATTITUDES AND POLICY, AND ITS EFFECT, AT LEAST IN THE

APRIL VERSION, IN THE COMMISSION'S VIEW, WOULD NOT BE POSITIVE.

C. THE COMMISSION HOPES THAT THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 OF REFTEL MEANS THAT THE US WILL NOW BEGIN TO MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE BTN. THE EC COULD BE OF HELP TO THE US IN THE CCC IN THE EFFORT TO MODERNIZE THE BTN IF TH US DID NOW GET DOWN TO SPECIFICS.

E. ABBOTT WAS NOT SURE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE REFERENCE TO PRODUCTION STATISTICS IN THE REMAINDER OF PARA 3 BUT DID NOTE THAT, SO FAR AS HE WAS AWARE, THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM COMMITTEE'S WORK HAD CONCENTRATED ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FREIGHT TARIFF CLASSIFICATION.

E. HE REITERATED THE HOPE EXPRESSED IN THE COMMISSION'S NOTE OF MAY 14, THAT THE US WOULD AGREE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE NOMENCLATURE RATHER THAN DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS.  
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